

‘Fighting Furies’ director of operations to command elite Thunderbirds team

Senior Airman Russell Crowe
325th Fighter Wing
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For one airman, childhood dreams are coming true.

Lt. Col. Richard McSpadden, director of operations for the 1st Fighter Squadron, was selected Tuesday to be the next commander of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Air Force’s premier aerial demonstration team. It’s a boyhood dream that’s coming to fruition for the colonel, who grew up in the local area.

“I dreamed of being a Thunderbird as a child,” he said. “I remember seeing those guys fly when I was four or five years old and walking with my dad up the Tyndall ramp to see the Thunderbirds when they flew F-4s. That’s one of my very earliest memories as a child, and now it’s just incredible that it’s coming true while I’m here at Tyndall.”

According to Colonel McSpadden, the reality of the situation may not sink in for a while.

“I’m still in kind of a state of shock if you want to know the truth,” he said. “I’m not sure when it’s really going to hit me. Probably the first time I’m actually in the #1 jet, with my name on the side of it – maybe that’s when it will really sink and I’ll say ‘Wow, I’m really doing this.’”

But once the initial shock wears off, the workload welcomes airmen to the highly regarded position. Spending more than eight months a year on the road, and serving as both the commander of the Thunderbirds and leader of the team can take its toll on even the most seasoned veteran.

“I know it’s going to be extremely busy,” he said. “During the entire interview process that fact was very apparent. It’s going to be a huge challenge and I hope I’m up for it. With God’s help I’ll be able to do it. I just feel blessed and humbled to have people that really believe in me to that degree, to think I can do the job and do it at that magnitude.”

But along with the hectic schedule comes the excitement of commanding some of the sharpest troops in the Air Force—and flying the lead Thunderbird plane.

“Being the leader refers to flying the #1 aircraft, being Thunderbird #1 and flying the demonstrations; the commander part of it refers to just being the squadron commander. Both of those jobs are so exciting, I can’t believe they’re all in one. It’s hard to believe that you get to do both of them.”

In early August the colonel will learn to fly the F-16 at Luke Air Force Base, which is basically the Tyndall of the F-16 world. But that shouldn’t be a problem for the time-tested pilot—he’s spent more than 2,000 hours in the driver’s seat of an Eagle. According to him, the switch will be like getting a new car.

“I’ll learn to fly the F-16 for two to three months,” he said. “It won’t be too difficult because it’s similar enough to the F-15. It’s almost like changing sports cars. You don’t know where the buttons are – you reach for the headlights and turn on the windshield wipers. So it will take a while to get use to. After 2,000 hours in the Eagle I can literally close my eyes and just touch all the switches I need to – so that’s going to be a little bit of an adjustment.”

After completing F-16 training, the

colonel will arrive at Nellis AFB in November and begin to train with the Thunderbirds. That training season goes for about four months – from November to February, with his change of command taking place the third week of January.

The process to become the next Thunderbirds commander is not an easy one. It started in November of last year, and to be selected, it required the help and guidance of several people, like the members of the 325th Fighter Wing.

“The selection process started last November with the message that listed the requirements and called for applicants,” he said. “To get the package together includes a lot of documents from your records, letters of recommendation from former bosses, some flying history, etc. Just to find all that information, put your hands on it, get the letters written, get your photo taken — takes about a month. Those were due at the end of January. From there we waited until about mid-March and they cut it down to 10 people. Then the 10 of us traveled to Beale AFB over a weekend in April to visit with the team, see what they’re all about and let them have some exposure to us. Then we did some interviews there.

“Then they cut it down to three people and we went to Nellis to interview with the wing commander and the warfare center commander there. After that, we went to Air Combat Command to interview with Gen. (John) Jumper, ACC commander. And finally, we received the notification.

The mission of the Thunderbirds is another aspect of the job the colonel is looking forward to. It will offer him the

opportunity to help retain some of the best airmen in the world.

“They really have three missions; recruit and retain; send out a good public image for the Air Force and esprit de corps within the Air Force,” he said. “Everything they do is focused around one of those three objectives. When you think about it, you always hear the leaders say the secret to our success is people – and it’s true. So if you get down to it, that recruiting and retaining – getting good people and then being able to keep them in – that’s funda-

mental for the success of the Air Force. We’ve got to keep doing it, no matter how advanced we get.”

But he won’t forget where he came from – he knows how he got this position; through years of hard work and experience and the help of the people in the wing.

“The support of the wing really helped me to get this honor. You can’t get a job like this without support from your commanders. Everyone backing me up and supporting me was a huge benefit. I’m very thankful to them.”



Catherine Layton

Lt. Colonel Richard McSpadden, director of operations for the 1st Fighter Squadron, learned Tuesday that he was selected to become the commander of the Thunderbirds, the Air Force’s exclusive aerial demonstration team.

Tyndall Top 3 hosts fourth Annual Senior NCO Induction Ceremony

DOD, bank agree to change in credit card terms

Master Sgt. Dale E. Hansen
Tyndall NCO Academy

When asked about the essential qualities of NCO leadership, former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor pointed out the need for “a total selflessness, where leaders are willing to commit themselves to the unit, to the mission, to the people and to subordinates. I think that is where it all begins.” These words capture the service before self spirit of today’s non-commissioned officer corps—and on July 20 the Tyndall Top 3 will display their commitment to the Tyndall community by hosting the fourth Annual Top 3 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony at the enlisted club.

The mission of the Tyndall Top 3 is to foster the professional and personal growth of our enlisted force. One way the Top 3 accomplishes this lofty goal is by hosting the annual Top 3 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony. “Promotion into the NCO and Senior NCO corps are important milestones in a person’s career,” said 325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Hodges. “Marking the passage into the Senior NCO corps with such a prestigious event as an induction banquet emphasizes the importance of achieving the Senior NCO rank of

master sergeant. Historically, only 25 out of every 100 enlisted personnel make it to the Senior NCO grades. This induction ceremony serves as a tribute to their outstanding achievement. I would like to thank the induction ceremony committee for their dedicated efforts in putting on such an awesome event. Their hard work will ensure each inductee has a memorable ceremony for their step up to the SNCO corps.”

Putting on such a prestigious event is a lot of hard work. “We started preparing for this year’s ceremony in November of last year,” said Senior Master Sgt. Dean Kashiwabara, induction committee chairman. “For the last eight months it has been a total team effort by the entire Top 3 SNCO Induction Committee Team.” Assisting Sergeant Kashiwabara on this year’s induction ceremony are Chief Master Sgt. Ron Georgia; Senior Master Sgts. Bobby Cox and Yolanda Richardson; Master Sgts. Jerry Cash, Margaret Hagen, Wanda Daniels, Dale Hansen, Scott Newberry, Terral Reid, Al Tyson, Art Henry, Kevin Howell and Craig Harrold.

The 2001 Top 3 Senior NCO Induction Ceremony will be 6 p.m. on July 20 at the Tyndall Enlisted Club. At this year’s event, over 80 newly selected master sergeants will be inducted into the Top 3. Contact your unit’s Top 3 representative for tickets.

CGOs attend leadership conference

Brings together officers from Eastern U.S. bases

2nd Lt. Carolyn McPartlin
89th Airlift Wing
public affairs

Nearly 50 captains, first lieutenants and second lieutenants attended the 2001 Eastern Region Company Grade Officers Council Conference at Andrews Air Force Base last week.

Andrews was selected to host this year’s conference and welcomed officers representing bases as far west as Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, as far south as Patrick AFB, Fla., and as close as the Pentagon.

Twenty-five bases comprise the ERCGOC and officers from 14 bases represented their various organizations this week.

1st Lt. Jamie Marciniac, an engineering officer working in the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson AFB is the president of the ERCGOC.

Lieutenant Marciniac, who has held the position since last year’s conference at Keesler AFB, Miss., was looking forward to leading her first conference.

“I am excited about having the opportunity to learn from my peers and make a difference to the Air Force,” Lieutenant

Marciniac said at the initial meeting of regional members.

The event kicked off Tuesday at the officers’ club beginning a four-day conference of brainstorming, holding professional development sessions and meeting with various leaders from the local area.

Brig. Gen. James A. Hawkins, 89th Airlift Wing commander, welcomed and encouraged the conference members.

“This is a neat opportunity to meet the other company grade officers from the

WASHINGTON(AFPN)—The Defense Department and Bank of America have agreed to a revised cardholder-terms-and-agreement policy for the government travel card. The new agreement is scheduled to take effect Aug. 10.

The new terms include increased fees for some transactions, according to Michael Weber, Air Force travel card program coordinator.

Although some fees have increased, he predicts only a small number of people will be affected.

“The Air Force has seen a significant decrease in travel credit card delinquencies,” he said. “Since January, delinquencies have dropped from over 12 percent to currently five percent, and we continue to see a decline.”

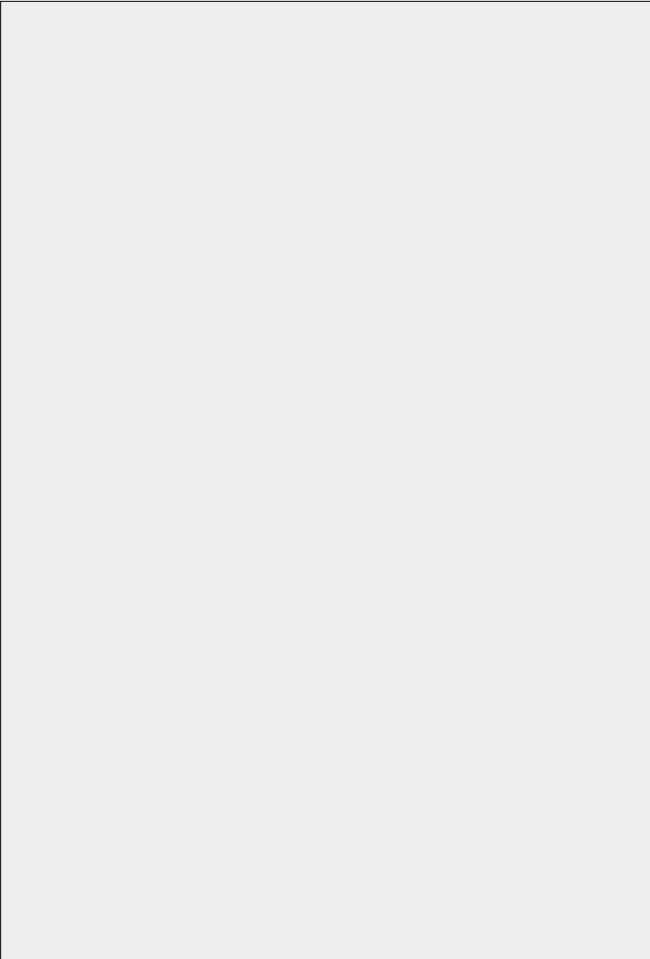
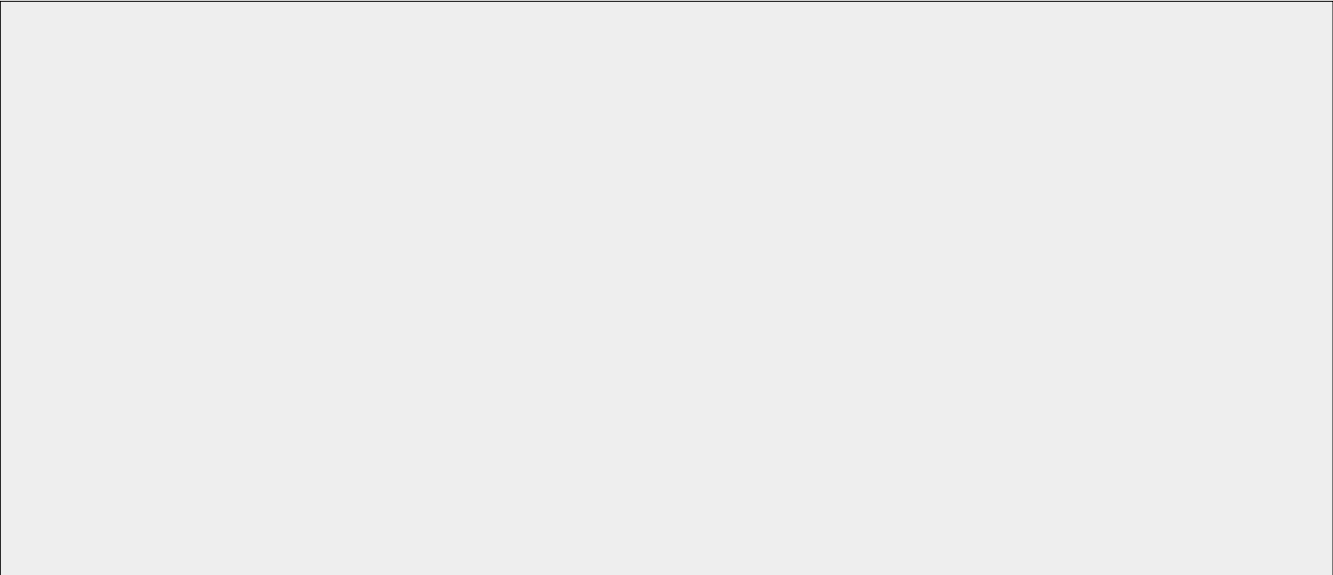
He said people can avoid the higher cash-advance fees simply by using the credit card to charge their lodging, transportation, meals and rental car costs.

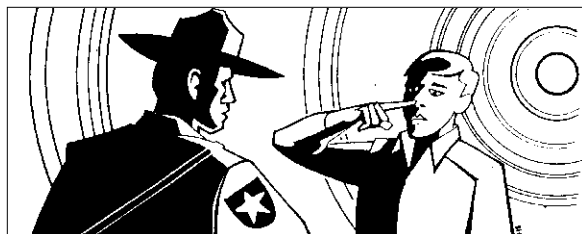
“We encourage cardholders to use the card as much as possible and avoid using the ATM for cash advances to pay expenses that should be charged directly to the card,” he said. Paying bills on time and being financially responsible will avoid nearly all other additional fees, he added.

New terms include the following:

- A late fee of \$29 at 75 days past the closing date on the statement of the account in which the charge first appeared.
- A \$20 fee for expedited delivery of cards, which is reimbursable on the travel voucher; no fee will be charged for emergency replacement of lost/stolen/damaged cards while in a travel status.

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Get up to speed on FCAT

Capt. Ted Hepperlen
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

While your first months in Florida brought you up to speed on our wildlife, climate and unique safety issues, are you up to speed on your child's Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test?

The FCAT is a standardized test that measures students' knowledge of several core subjects. It was first implemented in 1998 and is administered to all students in the state. Bay County schools typically do well on the tests according to the district assessment coordinator, Ms. Beth Deluzain. "Measured against the other 66 counties in Florida, on average, it's safe to say we're in the top third," she said.

The FCAT is designed to assess knowledge and skills in math, reading and, for the first time this past year, writing according to a Florida Department of Education fact

sheet. It measures students against standards set for each grade by local educators and the Florida Department of Education.

"The state sets the dates, but normally we test writing in February and math and reading in March," said Ms. Deluzain. "Results are normally available in May."

According to the DOE fact sheet, the test results are used to assign grades to schools to assess how well they are teaching their students the core knowledge in the grade standards. When looking at individual school grades you must be sure you understand how the grading system works, according to Karen Tucker, school and community relations specialist for the Bay County School District.

"The school grade is based on the number of students tested and the lowest grade achieved in each

of the three areas," she said. "For example, if a school receives an 'A' in math, a 'B' in reading and a 'C' in writing, the school grade is a 'C'. Also, the percentage of the overall number of students assigned to the school who do and don't take the test will affect the grade."

For more information on the FCAT, you can contact Ms. Deluzain at 872-4100 or visit the FCAT Web site at www.firn.edu/doe/sas/fcat.htm.



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East Coast," General Hawkins said. "It is a time to share good thoughts with peers, enhance camaraderie, esprit de corps and contributions at wing level."

During the conference, the officers worked on goals to enhance the Air Force CGOC community.

These goals include promoting the professional development of company grade officers, creating a platform of pertinent issues affecting CGOs and working on solutions to address these issues.

The top Air Force issues that were discussed included retention, mentorship,

outsourcing and the challenges and differences of having civilian rather than military supervisors.

Each year the ERCGOC votes on one Air Force issue to address in the upcoming year. The 2001-2002 focus will be mentorship. Base councils will be organizing programs dedicated to improving the mentorship of company grade officers and strengthening the ties between the CGOC and the Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program.

Everyone left the conference excited to share what they learned with the other CGOs at their base, focus on the following year's goals and meet again at the ERCGOC 2002 Conference that will be hosted by the Pentagon CGOC.

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●A \$29 fee for returned checks.

●For cash advances, a fee of \$2 per transaction or 3 percent of the transaction amount, whichever is greater.

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Bank of America will include the revised terms and agreement policy in the July statements, said Mr. Weber. Cardholders should expect to

see this new cardholder agreement in the mail around this Saturday. It is for information only, and no action is necessary by the cardholder.

Additionally, future changes include a split disbursement default option and procedures to implement salary offset for delinquent accounts, said Mr. Weber. These changes are expected to take effect later this fall. Additional information will be announced once it becomes available.

"Split disbursement is a

convenience option that is already used by thousands of cardholders," Mr. Weber said. He said people who want to know the balance on their cards can go online to the Electronic Account Government Ledger System.

Information on how travelers can get access to EAGLS to view their balances on the Internet can be obtained from their unit agency program coordinator or "The Cardholder Program Guide," a booklet available from your unit.

Command focuses on customer service

Master Sgt. Jerry Taranto

*Air Education and Training Command
public affairs*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) — Whether the day's schedule is routine or moves at a hectic pace, Senior Airman Arlisa Stallworth maintains the same attitude with every customer who walks through the door—a quick smile and a warm hello.

"It's our priority to let everyone know we're going to take care of them as soon as possible," said Airman Stallworth, a military personnel specialist at Lackland AFB, Texas. "And if we don't have the right answers, we help them find out where to go from here."

It's precisely that attitude the leadership of Air Education and Training Command wants everyone to embrace. Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of Air Education and Training Command, announced an initiative called "Service Way" earlier this year to promote better customer service within the command. It is the first initiative of the larger AETC "The Way" program that focuses leadership attention on specific func-

tions and issues in AETC.

Some units in the command already have solid customer-service initiatives in place. Several Tyndall organizations, including the military personnel flight and the services squadron have long-standing reputations for excellent customer service—which were highlighted during the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, where they received praise for their outstanding support.

Providing the best possible customer service means everyone in the office has to be on board. That involves awareness, education and teamwork, said Senior Master Sgt. Frank Rey, a flight superintendent in the 81st Medical Group at Keesler AFB, Miss.

"To create a customer-focused environment, you need to do more than tell your work force about it," said Sergeant Rey. "If you don't get people to care about how and why they are putting customers first, they're not going to make it a priority in their day-to-day actions. Give them the tools to do it and pat them on the back when they do it right."

That philosophy has worked well, as the 2,000-member 81st MDG was recently named the top customer service healthcare organization in the Department of Defense.

Continuity training has paid dividends for the 56th Security Forces Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz. The unit conducts ongoing training for their members to specifically address how to handle customer's needs and expectations, especially in stressful situations.

"When you take the time to run through different scenarios, our people are better prepared to handle just about any situation with the proper response to even our most difficult customers," said Maj. Tracy Meck, 56th SFS commander. "They get the attention and consistent training they deserve to stay focused and motivated. This sends the message that they are part of an elite group, and leadership is serious and committed in excellence in all we do, including customer service."

Sergeant Rey said the focus of any customer-service program should be to go above and beyond, but not to settle for perceived success.

"Exceed their expectations. That's the goal," he said. "After a while, you will be able to tell if the training efforts in your unit are paying off, because your customers will tell you about it. If you don't hear anything, then you have more work to do."



Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

Airman Rachelle Dennis, customer service representative with the 325th Mission Support Squadron, assists Catherine Tarrant from the family support center with her identification card forms.

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Off duty	10	7	-3
Traffic	5	3	-2
Sports	4	2	-2
Fatalities	1	0	-1
DUIs	14	9	-5

Commander's Corner



Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Now that we're back to work, I'd like to thank all of the people who made Heritage Day a huge success. It was estimated that 17,000 people attended the event. Without the support Team Tyndall members, this celebration couldn't have been such a great family event. I would like to applaud the efforts of Rudy Wallace, Heritage Days project officer, and all the people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to produce this spectacular entertainment event.

More great news came for Tyndall and for **Lt. Col. Richard McSpadden**, director of operations for the 1st Fighter Squadron. Colonel McSpadden was selected to be the next commander of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team. Congratulations! You've done great work for Team Tyndall and just to be considered for such a prestigious job is a great honor. I know you'll make us proud as a goodwill ambassador for the Air Force.

I would also like to thank all the folks who showed their support of the Eagles vs. Chiefs softball game.

It was obvious from the beginning that the Eagles were prepared to take trophy from the Chiefs. Because we were matching the Chiefs run for run in almost every inning, the Chiefs started getting nervous toward the end. At the end of the 7th inning, which was supposed to be the end of the game, we were tied at 12 runs apiece. Going into the 8th inning, I believe the Chiefs devised a subterfuge. I think they hired a saboteur to take out the lights so



the game would remain tied. Don't worry—the next time the Chiefs tangle with the Eagles, we'll finish the job.

With all the Fourth of July festivities over, it's time to get back to business. One thing that's important to me is that people get a good first impression when they join our team. With that in mind, we're beefing up our sponsor program. We all know how this very important program works. Usually, someone in your new office gets in touch with you to help you make an easy transition to a new assignment. That part of the program remains the same, but we're adding a new aspect—a recognition initiative for the people who take on the sponsor's duty of making arrangements for the newcomers.

Starting with Tuesday's newcomers' orientation, new members of Team Tyndall will be able to nominate their sponsor for an award during the orientation. The family support center will judge who the sponsor of the month will be. Those selected will be given a one-day pass and a certificate of appreciation for a job well done. Next time you sponsor a newcomer, keep in mind that that person could be your ticket to a three-day weekend.

Have a great Air Force week!

Action Line



Charlene Cowden

It pays to be a club member

John Pellay, manager for the Tyndall Officers' Club presents 1st Air Force commander Major Gen. Larry K. Arnold a \$300 check after winning the Thursday night drawing at the Checkers Lounge.

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William F. Hodgkins

Brig. Gen. William F. Hodgkins
325th Fighter Wing
commander

Proper electronic communication key to operation efficiency

Gen. Hal Hornburg
Air Education and Training
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commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS)—The network's down again and e-mail is frozen. Your entire office might as well close early because communication is at a standstill, right? Wrong.

We all know the mission must continue with or without electronic mail. Granted, it may be more difficult to do that mission without the high-speed communication networks we've all become used to, but we'd still get the job done.

The point I want to make is that

the proliferation of e-mail is both astonishing and of increasing concern. It's incredible to think that more than 130 million workers send an average of 3 billion e-mail messages each day in the United States. By 2005, this number is projected to increase to 10 billion messages per day.

Those numbers lead us to believe that electronic communications enhance our efficiency and effectiveness. But they also indicate a disturbing trend away from personal interactions in going about accomplishing the important work we do. Technology should

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Independence celebration shouldn't end July 4

Col. Daryl Hausmann
*12th Flying Training Wing
vice commander*

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) – The fireworks are over, the barbeque is gone, the bands have finished playing and the party is over.

The fourth of July, Independence Day, is just a memory until next year ... but it shouldn't be.

There are certain moments in our history that shape our sense of who we are as a people and a nation. On Independence Day, we celebrate one such moment. A group of brave Americans took a bold step 225 years ago when, on June 7, 1776, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and heard Richard Henry Lee's urging to declare independence.

On June 11, Congress appointed a committee led by Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin to draft a declaration of independence that was read June 28. After several days of debate and review, Congress declared independence July 2 and

adopted the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776.

A new nation was born, one the likes of which had never been seen before.

Listen to these famous words from the second paragraph of the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness – that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

The 56 founding patriots risked everything when they signed that document. Some of the names are well known in American history: John Hancock, John Adams and

Benjamin Franklin. Have you ever taken time to wonder what happened to the others who penned their names for the entire world to see on the Declaration of Independence?

Five were captured as traitors and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army, while another had two sons captured. Nine fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. A wealthy planter and trader saw his ships sunk by the British Navy, forcing him to sell his home and property to pay his debts. He died penniless. Another was so hounded by British search parties that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in the Congress without pay and his family was kept in hiding, his possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward.

Vandals looted the properties of eight others and at the Battle of Yorktown. One signer, upon the discovery that the British had taken over

his family home for their headquarters, urged General Washington to destroy it. The Continental Army opened fire, destroyed it, and the owner died bankrupt. Another had his wife jailed because they couldn't capture him. She died within a few months of capture.

Such are the stories and sacrifices of our founders. These patriots were not wild revolutionaries, but men of means and education. They had security but they valued liberty more. They had pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor and sacrificed everything for what they believed in.

The notions of democracy and the rights of mankind are so much a part of our national identity today that many Americans forget how lucky we are. They forget that freedom was once only a dream, an ideal conceived in the minds of a few brave individuals and written down for the very first time 225 years ago. They forget the sacrifices made by some so that others can live free.

Even today, most Americans forget that all over the world 24 hours a

day, 7 days a week, there are brave Americans sacrificing so others can enjoy their freedoms. Throughout this nation's history, America's military has responded to the call to fight for the principles of freedom outlined in the Declaration of Independence. Our military men and women have offered the greatest gift anyone can give: themselves. They bought our liberty, initiated by the Declaration of Independence with their toil, sweat and blood and sometimes with their lives.

Without those willing to give more of themselves than most citizens, we very possibly could have lost those "unalienable rights" and the Declaration of Independence could have been just another long-forgotten document misplaced in the annals of history.

Independence Day doesn't just come once a year. It should be celebrated and cherished each and every day.



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never take the place of human interaction, and I want to make my views on the appropriate use of e-mail in the work place clear to all.

First, e-mail is not a replacement for face-to-face meetings or telephone calls. Verbal communication is always better than e-mail, emphasizing the “AETC Way” of top-notch customer service. Next time you send an e-mail, think to yourself, “Can I walk around the corner and discuss this in person?” If the answer is yes, then do it.

Next, follow the chain of command when sending e-mail. It’s easy to jump the chain by a simple click of the mouse. Don’t do it. Send electronic correspondence through proper channels. Just like other forms of verbal and written communication, e-mail must follow the chain of command.

Remember, e-mail is quickly and easily forwarded. Write every e-mail as if it will be read by the chief of staff or published in the New York Times. There is no such thing as a “private” e-mail. Proliferation of inappropriate e-mails to hundreds—even thousands—of people the message wasn’t intended for has led to the downfall of many unsuspecting writers.

Excessive dependence on electronic communications inhibits productivity, teamwork and unit camaraderie. Although an important tool for sharing information, e-mail has evolved into an insatiable time consumer. It can lead to information overload and undue personal stress.

Many of us experience problems in reading and replying to e-mail in a timely manner. Backlogs of unread messages pile up in our inbox, suspenses and taskings are lost or

unaccounted for in our computers, and many hours are spent “checking e-mail” instead of accomplishing the mission.

To combat e-mail overload and the reduced productivity it creates, we must learn how to effectively manage it. Review AFI 33-119, Electronic Mail (E-mail) Management and Use, to ensure the appropriate and effective use of e-mail in the AETC. In addition, AETC/CC NOTAM 01-02 and Director of Staff Action Memorandum (DSAM) 00-05, accessible on the AETC Web site at www.aetc.af.mil/cag/intro.htm, expands on the guidance above.

Overall, let your common sense guide you. Use e-mail judiciously and effectively to enhance and reinforce our AETC mission: *Replenish the combat capability of America's Air Force with high quality, professional airmen.*

Air Force offers ROTC scholarships online

Ann Easterling
*Air University
public affairs*

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. (AETCNS) – Students who want to offset the cost of college and become officers in the Air Force can now go online for scholarship opportunities.

The Air Force ROTC program has included an application link on the new Internet site at AFROTC.com.

“We wanted to offer the easiest access to our opportunities as well as show students what Air Force ROTC is really about,” said Maj. Dennis Millsap, ROTC chief of recruiting. “The site is designed to show student life as an Air Force ROTC cadet including real-life student experiences and extreme summer adventure programs.”

Air Force ROTC, the Air Force’s largest and oldest officer commissioning source,

launched the site to reach college-bound students in today’s challenging recruiting market.

“The site will be an adventure for students who have the idea that Air Force ROTC is only about marching around a college campus in uniform, getting yelled at and doing push-ups in the mud,” said 2nd Lt. Johnathon Shackelford, a newly commissioned ROTC cadet.

On the site, students can find information about universities that offer the Air Force ROTC programs and ask questions of cadets via e-mail.

Air Force ROTC officials expect to see significant cost savings over the next few years as the more efficient online scholarship application process overtakes a manpower-intensive paper process. Cutting overhead costs and reaching students on their turf will hopefully be a boon to ROTC in the most difficult recruiting market since the Vietnam War, according to Major Millsap.

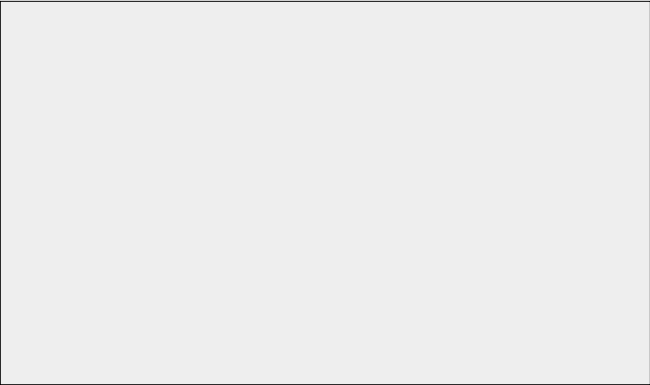


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Features

Find yourself in the wrong situation and you might become a visitor to the Tyndall Confinement Facility, where you'll be doing ...

Hard Time

Senior Airman Russell Crowe
325th Fighter Wing
public affairs

In an area not much larger than the average utility room, there is a bed, a toilet, a Bible—and thousands of 'I should have's' and 'Why didn't I's.'

For some Tyndall airmen who veer off the beaten path and into the world of crimes such as drugs, robbery, rape and bad checks, the Tyndall Confinement Facility is the last stop – and the last hope.

And Staff Sgt. Manuel Gonzalez is that hope. A fiercely intimidating presence, Sergeant Gonzalez stands at 5'10", but height isn't the only thing that counts when making your presence known. To some people's shock, he has a much softer side. In fact, he's more than just a prison guard; he's a counselor.

"We're a four-man facility here, which is relatively small," he said. "If you go to Miramar Prison or a larger facility, they have a whole staff that takes care of everything. They have counselors; people who handle prisoners' money and who handle their mail. I do all that by myself. I read their mail, handle their finances, set them up with transition briefings and take care of appointments for them. It gets pretty hectic after a while, especially when we are full."

While people are incarcerated, Sergeant Gonzalez tries to prepare them to come back into military service or into the civilian sector – a job that, at times, can be very difficult. Through a program very similar to basic training, inmates learn what it

takes to become productive members of society again.

"I refer to this job as being like an 'accelerated basic training,'" he said. "You get someone in who's messed up a little bit, who's strayed off the path and you kind of shape them back into the way they need to be. You get them ready for civilian life or, if they're coming back into the military – you get them back to being a squared-away troop that's ready to serve. Inmates have to stand at attention at all times and call everyone by military titles; their military bearing is 100 percent at all times. They make their beds like they do in basic and they have inspections the same way."

Although it is rare, occasionally an inmate has trouble adapting and accepting – and that's when Sergeant Gonzalez flips the invisible switch.

"I've had a few people I've had to tear into," he said. "I usually set the line from the beginning. I let them know from the get-go that I'm all about business – that I'm at a certain level and if they tick me off or get me mad, that I can go to the next level. I usually let them know that confinement will be as easy as they want it to be. If they abide by all the rules, if they do everything they're supposed to, it'll be bearable. If they don't,

they're going to have problems. And to date I've only had problems with one person."

But he doesn't worry too much about troublemakers. By the time most of them arrive in the cell, they have realized the seriousness and all-too-realistic place their mistakes have taken them. Suddenly their past hits them like a ton of bricks.

"Most of the time people are scared to death to be here," he said. "Within 10 minutes of being handcuffed in the court and brought over here, they're crying. It doesn't matter who they are or how tough they are, they'll be crying. It's a shock to the system. You're going from being able to go out to the clubs and drink beers, to having me in your life at all times, waking you up at 5 a.m. and putting you to bed at 9 p.m. in a cell. It's a total loss of freedom."

And unlike the glitter and glamour of Hollywood movies, there are no long goodbyes

and sappy romance scenes – you don't pass go and you don't collect \$200.

"I'm usually at the court martial and I give them about five minutes to say 'hi and bye' to their family," he said. "Once I sign the confinement order that gives them to me legally, they're in my custody. I search them, handcuff them and bring them back."

One of the hardest parts of his job is trying to stay distant from inmates – something that wouldn't be as hard if he didn't wear the counselor hat.

"It can be very challenging," he said. "You hear a lot of different stories and you see a lot of different ways of life that people have grown up in. You have to separate yourself; not get on a personal level, but try to keep that professional level where you're there as a counselor but you're also in the military doing your job."

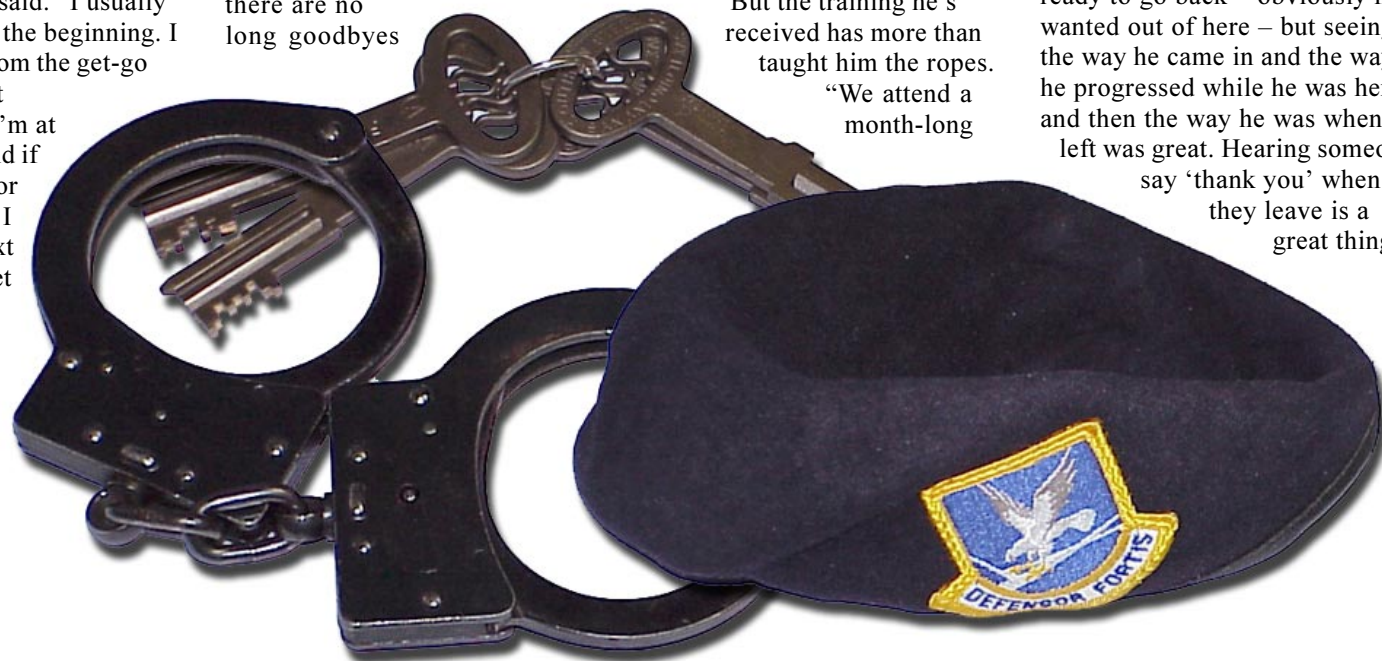
But the training he's received has more than taught him the ropes.

"We attend a month-long

course at Lackland AFB that's taught by the Navy," he said. "Basically we learn how to run a real prison – how to do cell checks, how to handle money matters, how to forcibly remove an inmate from a cell who doesn't want to come out and a lot of self-defense as well in case you get caught in a riot. It was a very good course and it more than prepared me for the job."

The prison, which had 18 inmates last year, 17 of whom were there for drug-related offenses such as Ecstasy use, is a place for people to consider what they've done and how to put their lives back together. Many of them figure it out. And that's when Sergeant Gonzalez smiles and knows why he does what he does – he helps airmen.

"The last prisoner we had who was here for a DUI – he came back in the military and seeing him leave was a very rewarding experience," he said. "He was ready to go back – obviously he wanted out of here – but seeing the way he came in and the way he progressed while he was here and then the way he was when he left was great. Hearing someone say 'thank you' when they leave is a great thing."



Heritage Day



Photos by Staff Sgt. Roel Utley

The Heritage Day celebration drew about 17,000 people to Tyndall Air Force Base Tuesday. (Above) Tristan Vannatter, age 4, works on a bug house at the Home Depot craft station. (Top right) Charlie Rogers of the Steel Breeze Band performs during the celebration. (Right) Fireworks capped off an evening of celebration.

Don't be a lightning victim

Basic military training creates better warriors

Tech. Sgt. Michael M. Griffith
*325th Fighter Wing
ground safety*

Welcome to Florida, well-known for its sunshine and beaches. But are you aware Florida is also well-known for its lightning? Our state is ranked number one for injuries and deaths associated with lightning. Many people new to Florida are unaware of the hazards of thunderstorms and lightning bolts. Lightning is one of nature's most spectacular yet deadly displays and is far from being understood.

Many Floridians are injured or killed by lightning strikes every year. Florida routinely has been the leader in lightning-strike fatalities, which is not surprising considering lightning strikes in the Sunshine State an average of 3,500 times daily, the most in the nation. Last year eight people were killed in Florida by lightning; three deaths occurred on a boat, two in outdoor open areas and two were in water. National statistics show young male adults are more likely to be lightning-strike victims. Of the 51 United States fatalities in 2000, 13 were males between the ages of 20 and 29.

When people are struck by lightning, it's a common myth that their bodies are electrified and shouldn't be touched. Lightning strike victims are at risk for cardiac arrest and it's safe to give victims CPR. Most lightning victims can actually survive their encounter with lightning, especially with timely medical treatment.

The seemingly random nature of thunderstorms cannot guarantee the individual protection from lightning strikes; however, being aware of and following proven safety guidelines can greatly reduce

the risk of injury or death.

When outdoors, avoid water, high ground and open spaces. Avoid all metal objects including electric wires, fences, machinery, motors and power tools. Unsafe places include underneath canopies, small picnic or rain shelters or near trees. Where possible, find shelter in a substantial building or in a fully enclosed metal vehicle such as a car, truck or a van with the windows completely shut. If lightning is striking nearby when you are outside, crouch down, put your feet together and place your hands over your ears to minimize hearing damage. Keep a minimum of fifteen feet from other people.

When you are indoors, avoid water and stay away from doors and windows. Do not use the telephone. Take off head sets. Turn off, unplug and stay away from appliances, computers, power tools and television sets. Lightning may strike exterior electric and phone lines, inducing shock to inside equipment.

When on duty, pay attention to the base warning system. If you are off-duty enjoying Florida's sunshine use common sense. High winds, rainfall and cloud cover often act as precursors of cloud-to-ground strikes. Many lightning casualties occur early on, as a storm approaches, because people ignore the signs. Many lightning casualties also occur after the perceived threat has passed. Generally, the lightning threat diminishes with time after the last sound of thunder, but may persist for more than 30 minutes.

Following these precautions will reduce your risk and increase your odds of survival when lighting is in the area. Use good judgment and the next time you see the flash of lightning, you will be safe.

Chief Master Sgt. Lew Monroe
*6th Air Refueling Wing
command chief master sergeant*

MACDILLAIRFORCE BASE, Fla. (AETCNS)—My wife, Jinnae, held the phone without saying a word and simply let me ramble on with endless excitement like a small child calling his grandparents on a Christmas morning to describe every toy he'd received.

You see, I was calling her from my lodging room at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where I had just been blessed with the opportunity to speak to the Air Force's newest airmen during the culminating ceremony of Warrior Week. It was

without a doubt the most humbling experience in my career.

I was fortunate to visit Lackland with four first sergeants for a behind-the-scenes look at the basic military training environment. From the minute we entered the gate, the air of professionalism and dedication consumed us. There was a sense of pride and devotion in every training instructor, support person and civilian we encountered, and they were all happy to show off their "product."


We started our once-in-a-lifetime trip by witnessing the arrival of new trainees to the BMT reception center. Still in civilian clothes, they were given their first orders, and I think they all realized

their worlds were truly about to change.

The next day, we received in-depth briefings and tours of the entire BMT process. We walked through the Warrior Week site and saw firsthand just how hard the young trainees were working and, more than that, the leadership and compassion of their instructors. Every trainee we interacted with displayed the discipline and bearing we strive to see in all members of our profession. They were being challenged in every aspect of BMT, and they were succeeding.

I can only attribute that to one thing: outstanding leaders who truly care about the trainee's success.

●Turn to BMT
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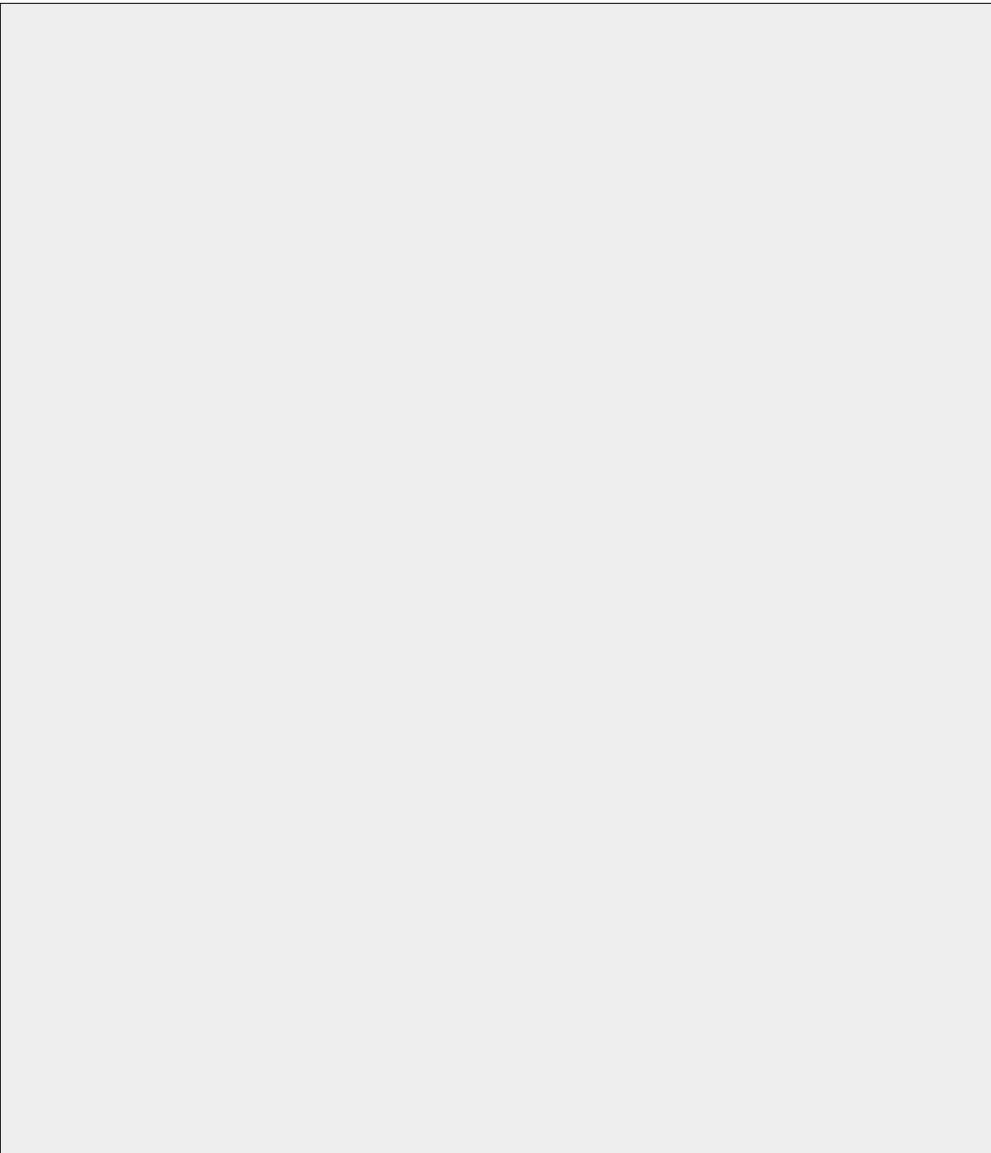
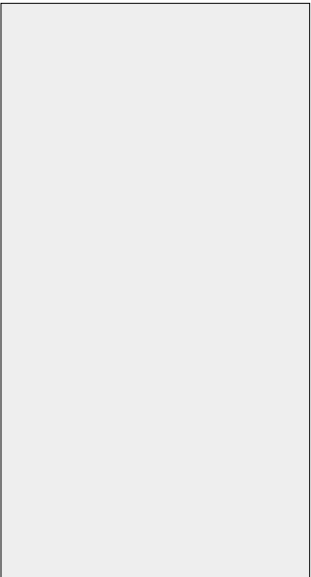
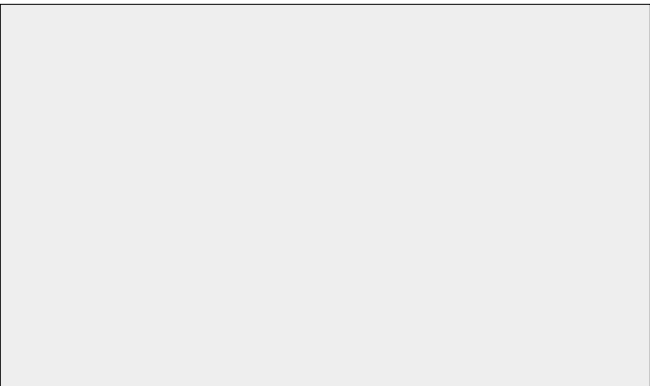


Every member of Team Tyndall is valuable.
Play it safe, don't become a statistic.

Help Us Conserve



YOU HAVE
the POWER



●From BMT Page 10

As I shared dinner in a tent with five of our new airmen, I was astounded to hear just how much they enjoyed the challenges and hard work required of them in order to become a part of the Air Force. The airmen really enjoy working as a team and having to sacrifice in order to attain their right of passage into the force.

As hard as it may be for you to believe, you'll just have to trust me when I say they are working harder in BMT, and it requires more to become an airman than when I joined more than 20 years ago. Consider these tidbits. BMT is a solid six days a week, compared with five days and two hours of drill on Saturday when I came in.

There is no use of tobacco products while in BMT — none. Physical conditioning is really physical now, and failure to complete the PC requirements means a ticket back home.

Not only have the standards for BMT gotten higher, but we've also become really smart about how we train the members of America's Air Force. Now we have airmen in "zero week," those few days in the abyss for new trainees awaiting the start of the next training cycle. Guess what? They're learning BMT tasks and becoming acclimated to their profession.

Gone are the days of your MTI throwing a shirt at you during initial clothing issue and, if it fit, he'd throw two more your way. Now we

have professional tailors and quality control experts on site, measuring and marking uniforms for alteration to provide a true professional look. Remember those old canvas tennis shoes and white linen shorts we were issued for PC? Color them gone — replaced by state-of-the-art running shoes and neat Air Force jersey shirts and shorts. It was hard to feel good about yourself in those old canvas shoes.

I could literally go on forever about how on-target our BMT is today, but there just isn't enough space. You must see it for yourself, but I will share this one last highlight with you.

Close your eyes and imagine yourself standing behind a podium looking into the eyes of 700 or so of the Air Force's newest airmen. As you finish speaking, you walk down to shake their hands and welcome them into the Air Force. Lee Greenwood's "Proud To Be An American" is playing in the background, the sun is glaring down and the airmen are drenched in sweat and streaming tears cover their faces.

They cannot hold back the emotion of completing Warrior Week. It was hard, it was long, it was rewarding and now they are airmen in the United States Air Force. You are a part of it, the most humbling thing you will ever experience. I just experienced that.

I saw the pride in the faces of tomorrow's Air Force. I heard airmen in their fifth week of training sing the Air Force song from memory. I saw them cry, and I cried with them. Mine eyes have seen the glory, and No One Comes Close!

Job security brings airman back into Air Force

**Airman 1st Class
Amanda Mills**
*14th Flying Training Wing
public affairs*

**COLUMBUSAIR
FORCE BASE, Miss.
(AETCNS)** — A senior airman in the medical group at Columbus Air Force Base found life as a civilian did not offer her the same opportunities as her military career, so she rejoined the Air Force after a four-year break in service.

Senior Airman Amanda Fisk of the 14th Medical Operations Squadron separated from active duty in September 1995 and returned in May 1999.

"I got out about a month before my baby was born so I could stay home with her," Airman Fisk said.

But staying home was not the best option. She said she couldn't find a job that would cover day care expenses as well as allow her to go to college.

"So, I thought about returning," Airman Fisk said. "My husband will be going to dental school, and I knew that I would have job security and that my family would be taken care of (in the Air Force)."

Airman Fisk said she is confident she made the right decision to return.

"I am extremely proud to serve my country as my dad did," she said.

"Financially, it has opened many doors for my family and me. My children now

have things that as a child I did not."

Capt. Michael Richards, officer in charge of flight medicine for the 14th Medical Operations Squadron, said Airman Fisk's return is good for the Air Force and good for her.

"Senior Airman Fisk is utterly dependable," he said. "If she were asked to accomplish a task, I knew that it would be completed and done well. In addition, she took initiative to perform tasks that needed to be done."

Rejoining was good for

Senior Airman Fisk because she continually strives to improve herself, the captain added, and the Air Force allows her to increase her skills and knowledge while she advances in her career.

"If I had the chance to say something to someone thinking of leaving the Air Force, it would be, 'What's out there that will give you the same benefits and privileges that the military does?' and 'Where can you get a job that you can't be fired, but reconditioned, unless you really mess up?' Nowhere I know of."



Airman 1st Class Amanda Mills

Senior Airman Amanda Fisk takes the blood pressure of a patient in the 14th Medical Operations Squadron at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

The Gulf Guide

Your link to what's going on in the Tyndall community

This Week

July 9 'Moms, Pops & Tots'

The parent and child interaction play group, "Moms, Pops & Tots," for parents and their under-age-five children meets on Mondays. For more information and meeting locations, call 286-5812.

GCCC registration

On-campus registration for GulfCoast Community College's fall semester will be Monday-July 20 and Aug. 15-17. For more information, call the education center, 283-4332.

July 10 Civil Air Patrol meeting

Civil Air Patrol meetings for boys and girls 12 years old and older will be held 6:00-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Building 852. The CAP offers local and national activities with a focus on educational and professional development. For more information, call Capt. Laura Palm, 283-7594, or Master Sgt. Perry Newberry, 283-4189.

July 11 Senior NCO induction ceremony

The senior NCO induction ceremony will be 6 p.m. July 20 at the Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. Those individuals selected for promotion to master sergeant during the June 2001 promotion release will be inducted into the Senior NCO Corps. Tickets are \$15 for club members and \$18 for non-club members. Ticket sales end Wednesday. For tickets and more information, see your squadron POC.

Stress-management class

A three-session stress-management class will be 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. July 18 and 1-3 p.m. July 25 in the health and wellness center classroom. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

July 12 Palace Chase briefing

Palace Chase briefings for all those interested in the Palace Chase program will be 1

p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Room 222 of Building 662. For more information, call in-service recruiter Master Sgt. Bill Beasley, 283-8384.

July 13 Logistics group change of command

Col. Armand P. Grassi Jr. will relinquish command of the 325th Logistics Group to Col. Jeffrey M. Snyder 9 a.m. July 13 in Hangar 2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Families facing divorce

Family advocacy's Friday forum, "Families Facing Divorce," will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. July 13 in the health and wellness center's classroom. The class is primarily designed for parents to assist their children going through a divorce. For more information, call family advocacy, 283-7272.

July 18 Top 3 meeting

The next Tyndall Top 3 meeting will be 3 p.m. July 18 at the enlisted club. All senior NCOs and senior NCO selects assigned to Tyndall are invited to attend. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Ken Townshend, 283-4523.

July 19 Anti-terrorism briefings

Mandatory Air Force Level One anti-terrorism briefings conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations will be 8 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month in Building 656 next door to the security forces building. The briefings will last approximately 30 minutes and are for Air Force members with permanent change of station or temporary duty assignments to overseas locations. For more information, call AFOSI Detachment 419 Counterintelligence Program Manager, Special Agent Doug Hartwell, 283-3261 or 283-3262.

Yard Sales

There are no yard sales scheduled for Saturday.

Notes

Guardian ad Litem volunteers

Volunteers are needed to continue Guardian ad Litem services for abused, abandoned and neglected children in the local community. The next training session begins July 16. For more information, call 747-5180.

Vacation Bible school

Vacation Bible "Cool" school will be 6-9 p.m. Monday-July 13 at the First United Methodist Church at 903 East 4th St. Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome. For more information, call 763-6537.

Disaster preparedness

The Air Force Personnel Readiness Center is available to provide assistance and guidance when installations are affected by natural disasters such as hurricanes. For more information, call the PRC, (800) 435-9941, or use Tyndall's toll-free contingency number, (877) 529-5540.

ROTC cadet encampments

Air Force ROTC cadets from detachments around the nation will be on base until Aug. 10 for two field training encampments. Each encampment will have approximately 360 cadets. All base personnel are asked not to interfere with the cadets during their training and to use caution when passing their marching formations on the street. Anyone

with questions about the encampment can call Capt. Patrick Stephens, 283-8056.

FSU office

The new Florida State University on-base office is now open 1-3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in Room 30 of the education center. In addition, Bob Shaw will be available 3-4 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 30 to talk with students about the bachelor's degree program in information studies offered at the FSU Panama City campus.

Hydrant pressure testing

The 325th Civil Engineer Squadron will continue pressure testing fire hydrants and flushing water mains in family housing areas 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. until July 13. Occupants may experience discolored water during this period and for several days afterwards. It is recommended that white clothing not be washed until the water is clear again. For more information, call the civil engineer customer service office, 283-4949.

Child care during PCS

Up to 20 hours of child care are available per child to assist families during the relocation process. This program is open to all ranks and is offered through the Air Force Aid Society. Care is arranged in a licensed family child-care home. For more information, call the family support center, 283-4204.

Retiree News

DFAS selects ACS to provide pay services

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service has announced its intent to award ACS Government Services of Rockville, Md. a contract to provide pay services to its 2.5 million Department of Defense retirees and annuitants with a monthly payroll of more than \$2.6 billion. This action is a result of a U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 cost comparison study and is expected to save the Department of Defense approximately \$36 million over the life of the contract. The award to ACS is tentative pending a public review period of not less than 20 days as required under the A-76 program guidelines. During this period, interested parties, such as affected employees, may file an appeal. Following the public review, ACS would be expected to assume pay services late this calendar year. While operations will stay in their current locations – Denver and Cleveland – during the first year of operations, ACS will consolidate most business operations at the Cleveland site during their second year of operations.

Currently there are approximately 535 retiree and annuitant services employees at Cleveland and Denver. DFAS and ACS are working to develop a workforce transition plan specific to each affected site. The plans will include options such as employment with the contractor, relocation, retraining for employees placed in new positions, early retirement offers (if qualified) or placement on a DOD priority placement list. DFAS is working with union representatives during the transition.

TRICARE Web site

Up-to-date TRICARE information is available on the TRICARE Web site at: www.tricare.osd.mil/ndaa. For those beneficiaries whose questions cannot be answered by the Web site, the following toll-free TRICARE phone numbers are available: Senior Pharmacy Program, (877) 363-6337 and TRICARE For Life, (888) 363-5433. Hours of operation for the telephone information center are 7 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Base Theater



Today: "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" (PG-13, language and sexual content, 98 min.)

Saturday: 2 p.m. "Shrek" (PG, mild language and some crude humor, 89 min.)


7 p.m. "Shrek"

Sunday: "Shrek"

Thursday: "What's the Worst That Could Happen?"

All movies start at 7 p.m.

Spotlight



Catherine Layton

Staff Sgt. Calvin A. Ridley
Squadron: 325th Mission Support Squadron
Job Title: NCOIC Career enhancement
Years in Air Force: 14 years
Time at Tyndall: 1 year
Hometown: East Cleveland, Ohio
Why you joined the Air Force: To see the world and for the education benefits.
Greatest aspect of your job: To see the reactions of both officers and enlisted people when they are notified of their promotion.
Short-term goals: Complete my degree in business administration.
Long-term goals: To retire and open a jazz club or a Cajun restaurant.
Favorite book: "Make Me Wanna Holler"
Favorite movie: "The Wood"
Hobbies and activities: Basketball, golf, football, surfing the Internet and fantasy sports.

Sports & Fitness

Eagles give Chiefs run for their money

Staff Sgt. Roel Utley
*325th Fighter Wing
public affairs*

Despite the Chiefs daunting win record on the baseball diamond, the Eagles gave the Chiefs a run for their money during Tuesday's Heritage Day contest.

The Eagles managed to keep the score relatively tied throughout the game, falling behind only a few times.

At the end of the 7th inning, which was supposed to be the last, the score was

tied at 12 all. But the game couldn't end in a tie.

Continuing in the 8th inning, the tide was ready to bring the Eagles in for a win when the lights "mysteriously" went out. Some people believe the Chiefs couldn't face the possibility of defeat at the hands of the Eagles.

This is one game that probably hasn't ended yet. The next encounter between the Eagles and Chiefs is sure to be an extension of this game.



Ricky Adair takes a swing for the Chiefs team



William Hodgkins took to the pitchers mound for the Eagles.



Tyndall's chapel schedule

Protestant Communion Service: 9:30 a.m., Chapel 1 General Protestant Service: 11 a.m., Chapel 2 Chapel 1: 283-2691 Chapel 2: 283-2925 Other faith groups: Call 283-2925	Catholic Daily Mass: noon, Monday through Friday, Chapel 2 Reconciliation: After Saturday Mass or by appointment Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, Chapel 2 Mass: 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Chapel 2
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Funshine NEWS



July 6, 2001

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Youth Center

☎ 283-4366

Major League Soccer Camps
July 23-28, 7-18 yrs. \$45; 5-6 yrs \$35.
Bring shin guards and a water bottle.

Compete in National Youth Games
Boys and girls ages 8-13 yrs. sign up and compete in the national youth games. Test your abilities in 2 athletic events - basketball and soccer. The skill challenges will be held July 28 at 10 a.m. and its FREE.

On Target Archery
Youth ages 10-16 yrs sign up for Kids on Target Archery. Learn the basic shooting techniques in a fun group environment. The program runs July 27, 28 and August 3, 4, at 1 p.m. Cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers.

Skills Development Ctr.

☎ 283-4511

Frame Shop Will Be Closed
July 10-25

Bob Ross Painting Class
July 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Must preregister.

Officers' Club

☎ 283-4357

Coming Attractions - All Ranks
Aug 9 - Membership Appreciation Night
Sept 8 - Medieval Banquet
Oct 12 - Casino Night

Continental Breakfast
Monday - Friday
6:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Taco Loco Night
Every Wednesday in the Checkers Lounge

\$300 Club Card Drawing
Every Thursday at the club at 6 p.m.

Don't Forget!
"Your Cash is Trash"
Every Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Oh Shucks!
Every Friday at 4:30 p.m.
It's oyster eating time in Checkers
\$3.50 per dozen

Retiree Appreciation Night
July 14 in the Bayview
25% discount on all entrees

Bonita Bay

☎ 283-3199

Pool Hours
Open Swim Wed.-Sun.11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Lap swim: Tue. 6:15 - 7:30 a.m.; Wed. - Fri. 6:15 - 7:30 a.m., 11 - 11:30 a.m., 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Storage Lot, RV Lot
Bonita Bay now manages the storage/RV lot located near Beacon Beach Rd.

Whitewater Rafting
July 28-30, Benton, TN. Reserve now.

Swim Passes
\$35 for first family member and \$5 for each additional member of the same family. \$20 for a 30 visit punch card.

Schedule a Pool Party
Tues.-Sun.: 7-11 p.m., \$30 per hour.

Swim Lessons
■ **Session 2:** July 24-Aug. 3.
Registration begins on July 16. at 8 a.m. Water aerobics will be offered at the same time as these lessons.

Raptor Lanes Bowling Ctr.

☎ 283-2380

Fall Leagues
Folders available for sign up. We have a league for every one!

Meal Deal Cards
Snack Bar customers who purchase 15 meals at \$2 or more will receive the 16th free and a free game of bowling! (\$5 limit, alcohol not included)

Aero Club
Flight Training Center

*Stop Dreaming
and Start Flying*

Current members are eligible to win up to \$3,000.00; new members \$50 + flight time. (June 1 - Sept. 30)

Private Pilot Ground School: July 9
Commercial Instrument: July 10
Call 283-4404 for more info.

Units that want to **schedule a car wash** in the exchange parking lot should contact Mr. Davison at 283-2987 to reserve the date. This is changed from the Support Group office.

Marina Club

☎ 283-3059

Pontoon Boat Rental
8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Tues-Sun.
Reservation and deposit required.

31st Annual Panama City Open Spear Fishing Tournament
August 16-19. Must be a certified diver. Contact Mike Thompson at 871-2698 or D.J. Moore at 871-2624 for tournament information. If your business wants to sponsor the event contact Branda Daniels at 283-4565.

Enlisted Club

☎ 283-4146

In the Zone
July 14, Night
Saturdays 8p.m.-midnight: Robert Wright
Fridays 5p.m.-midnight: Marvelous Marvin

Monday Lunch Specials
July 9, Liver & Onions
July 16, Cajun Buffet
July 23, Corned Beef Cabbage
July 30, Fajitas

Lunch Buffets
Tuesday, All you can eat Sirloin Steak
Wednesday, Meat & Potatoes
Thursday, Country Cookin' Buffet
Friday, Seafood w/ Spiced Shrimp

Friday Evening Specials
July 6, NY Strip & Popcorn Shrimp \$11.95
July 13, Filet & Crab Legs \$13.95
July 27, Prime Rib & Lobster Tail \$14.95

Information, Tickets & Travel

☎ 283-2499

Traveling?
The Travel Company will no longer provide leisure air and cruise tickets or travel information. Information, tickets and tours (ITT) staff will provide information on air travel and cruises starting July 2. Full service for your leisure air and cruise tickets will begin July 9. Contact ITT at 2499 for more information.

Base Library



☎ 283-4287

Pre School Story Hour
Tuesdays 10-10:30 a.m. Open to ages 3-6 yrs.

2001 Air Force Club
Membership Scholarship Program

Current club members and family members (spouse, children, step children, and grandchildren) of Air Force officers', enlisted, consolidated, and collocated club members are eligible to apply for scholarships via this program. First prize is \$5,000, second is \$3,000, and third is \$2,000. These prizes are sponsored by First USA Bank, Wilmington DE. No Federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Nomination packets are available at the Officers' club and Pelican Reef Enlisted Club. The 325th Services Squadron marketing office, Bldg. 1013, must receive base-level nominations by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13. Mailing address is 325 SVS/SVK Stop 31, 113 Suwannee Avenue, Tyndall AFB FL 32403-5717. For more information, contact Peggy Geil at 283-4565.



Tops In Blue will perform a free concert on the 8th of July at the Panama City Marina Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Free tickets will be given out at the community activities center and the civic center on July 6 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Win a FREE Orlando, FL Vacation!

AETC Club Member (Officers' or Enlisted Club) make a minimum \$2 food purchase at the club to receive a scratch off game card.

- Match 2 symbols for food prizes and discounts
- Match 3 symbols for a chance to win a vacation

Stop by your club for details.

AETC Club

Member Rewards

Sponsored in part by Orlando Flexicket (Universal Studios, Universal's Islands of Adventure, Busch Gardens, Wet 'n Wild Water Park and Sea World Orlando) and The Armed Forces Vacation Club. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

